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To: Geospatial Information Community

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Subject: Notice of Standards Development and Call for Participation

I invite all members of the geospatial information community to participate in the development of data content standards and models for the seven thematic data layers of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) known as Framework data. These seven data layers are cadastral, geodetic control, hydrography, digital orthoimagery, transportation, elevation and government units. The standards are being developed as part of the President's Geospatial One-Stop, a White House initiative to spatially enable the delivery of government services and to improve access and use of geospatial information.

Useful framework standards are critical not only to Geospatial One-Stop, but also for many programs, such as homeland security and emergency response. To be effective, framework data standards must be useful to and accepted by data users. These standards will be developed through the standards process of the InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS), which is accredited by, and operates under rules approved by, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). By working through the ANSI/INCITS L1 standards process, we will engage stakeholders from all levels of government and utilize the widest possible range of users and technical expertise. Theme leads will be convening standards development teams and will be making additional notices for each specific Framework theme in the coming weeks.

Much progress has been made in recent years improving the way the geospatial community gathers, shares and uses information. Our collective challenge to improve the accessibility of geospatial information in business, academia and government requires even more effective and efficient practices and solutions. Your ideas will help us meet this challenge. These data standards along with other ongoing activities such as the development of technology interoperability specifications by the Open GIS Consortium are being tied together to create an integrated approach to implementing the NSDI and enable improved use of geospatial information across the nation.

Additional information about the goals and objectives of Geospatial One Stop, the proposed standards development process, and opportunities for you to participate is available by visiting us at <http://www.fgdc.gov/geo-one-stop> or by emailing us at GOS@fgdc.gov.